

of the battlefleet as having done more for peace in the Orient than anything else that could possibly have happened.

I enjoyed meeting the various other ministers—the Chancellor, the Minister of War, and others. I hope it is not ungallant of me to say that the North German women of the upper classes were less attractive than the corresponding women of any country I visited. They have fine domestic qualities, and if only they keep these qualities, then the question of their attractiveness is from the standpoint of the race, of altogether minor importance. But these domestic virtues seem to have been acquired at the cost of other attributes, which many other women who are at least as good wives and mothers as the German women, do not find it necessary to sacrifice. Perhaps they are cowed in their home life. Their husbands, who also have fine qualities, not only wish to domineer over the rest of mankind—which is not always possible—but wish to, and do, domineer over their own wives. Whether because of this, or for some other reason, these same wives certainly did not seem attractive in the sense not only that their more southern neighbors were, but their more northern neighbors, like the Swedes.

Of course my chief interest at Berlin was in the Emperor himself. He is an able and powerful man. The first day we went out to take lunch with him. Afterwards he drove us to Potsdam, and showed us over Sans Souci. He also held army maneuvers at which I was present. On this

occasion I rode with him for about five hours,
and he talked
steadily; and on another afternoon we spent
three hours
together. He was much interested to find how
he was looked
at by outsiders, and finally put a practically
direct question
to me as to how he was regarded in America;
and I an-
swered: "Well! your Majesty, I don't know
whether you
will understand our political terminology; but
in America
we think that if you lived on our side of the
water you
would carry your ward and turn up at the
convention with
your delegation behind you—and I cannot say
as much for
most of your fellow sovereigns!" Of course
this needed a